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6. The vending machine of claim 5, further comprising a speaker for broadcasting audio signals, where said data storage means transmits signals to said video screen and speaker to display advertising information from said data storage means.

user operated keypad and trackball for operating said computer to connect said computer to an internet site selected by said customer.

speakers for receiving audio transmissions from said internet site.

an audio display device, a microphone and audio recording device for recording audio by said customer.

a camera and video recording device for recording an image of said customer.

uter further comprises
a central control unit for an audio-visual connection to an
internet site;

a transmission unit for transmitting an audio-visual signal from said computer to said internet site;

a recording unit for recording and storing said audio-visual signals.

a storage unit for storing a plurality of different items for sale and a dispensing mechanism for dispensing the items from storage unit;

a payment-control device for receiving and detecting an amount of payment required for sale of an item and for actuating said dispensing mechanism when a payment is received to dispense a selected item; and

a computer assembly connected to said storage and dispensing unit, selector device and payment control device, and having a computer, video display screen and a modem, whereby said computer is connected to and actuated by said selector device for automatically connecting said computer to a pre-selected internet site and automatically displaying information obtained from said internet address on said video screen for viewing by the customer.

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24. The method of claim 13, further including providing at least one of telephone, cable or satellite communications on said vending machine.

25. The method of claim 13, further including providing a microphone on the vending machine.

26. A method of attracting greater patronage to a vending machine, said method comprising

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27. The method of claim 26, wherein at least part of said means is located on a door of the vending machine.

28. ~~The method of claim 26, wherein the means for internet access displays at least one of informational, entertainment or advertising when a patron is not accessing the internet.~~

29. A method of manufacturing vending machines wherein a vending machine is provided to dispense an article to be purchased by a consumer, the improvement comprising incorporating an interactive consumer accessible internet communication system into the vending machine.

30. A vending machine produced by the method of claim 29.

A hand-drawn diagram consisting of five triangles arranged in a horizontal sequence. Each triangle contains a label: the first triangle is labeled 'add A1', the second 'add B2', the third 'add E11', the fourth 'add H1', and the fifth 'add I1'. The triangles are drawn with simple lines and the text is handwritten.